

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 53, lines 3-11, with the following amended paragraph:

A 95% urea solution was homogenized with corn starch to give a 6% corn starch product in the same manner as Example 1, but no perlite was added. The material was slowly poured on a bed of rotating granules in a pan granulator and granulated. The resulting product which contained no perlite was screened to -6+10 Tyler mesh (3.4mm to 1.7mm in diameter) product and had a bulk density of 32 lb/ft³. In the soil burial, it had a urea retention of 27%, 15% and 6% in the ~~perlite~~ solidified corn starch after 9 hours, 24 hours, and 3 days respectively.